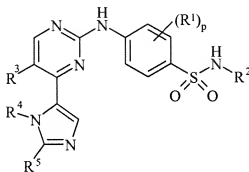


IN THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the application.

Listing of claims:

Claim 1 (**currently amended**): A compound of formula (I):



(I)

wherein:

R¹ is halo, cyano, C₁₋₃alkyl or C₁₋₃alkoxy;

p is 0-2; wherein the values of R¹ may be the same or different;

R² is C₁₋₄alkyl, C₂₋₄alkenyl, C₂₋₄alkynyl, C₃₋₆cycloalkyl, C₃₋₆cycloalkylC₁₋₃alkyl, a heterocyclyl or heterocyclylC₁₋₃alkyl; wherein R² may be optionally substituted on carbon by one or more methyl, ethyl, methoxy, ethoxy, propoxy, trifluoromethyl, trifluoromethoxy, 2,2,2-trifluoroethoxy or cyclopropylmethoxy; and wherein if said heterocyclyl contains an -NH- moiety that nitrogen may be optionally substituted by one or more methyl, ethyl, acetyl, 2,2,2-trifluoroethyl or methoxyethyl;

R³ is hydrogen, halo or cyano;

R⁴ is C₁₋₆alkyl or C₁₋₆alkoxyC₁₋₆alkyl;

R⁵ is substituted methyl, optionally substituted C₂₋₆alkyl or optionally substituted C₂₋₆alkenyl; wherein said substituents are selected from one or more methoxy, ethoxy, propoxy, trifluoromethyl, trifluoromethoxy, 2,2,2-trifluoroethoxy or cyclopropylmethoxy;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or an *in vivo* hydrolysable ester thereof;

provided that the compound is not 4-(1-methyl-2-ethylimidazol-5-yl)-2-[4-[N-(tetrahydrofurfurylmethyl)sulphamoyl]anilino]pyrimidine; 4-(1-methyl-2-ethylimidazol-5-yl)-2-[4-[N-(2-

methoxyethyl)sulphamoyl]anilino}pyrimidine; 4-(1-methyl-2-isopropyl-imidazol-5-yl)-2-{4-[N-(2-methoxyethyl)sulphamoyl]anilino}pyrimidine; 4-(1-methyl-2-isopropyl-imidazol-5-yl)-2-{4-[N-(cyclopropylmethyl) sulphamoyl]anilino}pyrimidine; 4-(1-methyl-2-isopropyl-imidazol-5-yl)-2-{4-[N-(tetrahydrofur-2-ylmethyl)sulphamoyl]anilino}pyrimidine; 4-(1-methyl-2-ethylimidazol-5-yl)-2-{4-[N-(cyclopropylmethyl) sulphamoyl]anilino}pyrimidine; 4-(1-methyl-2-ethyl-imidazol-5-yl)-2-[4-(N-cyclopropylsulphamoyl) anilino]pyrimidine; 4-(1-methyl-2-ethylimidazol-5-yl)-2-[4-(N-cyclobutyl-sulphamoyl) anilino]pyrimidine; or 4-(1-methyl-2-methoxymethylimidazol-5-yl)-2-{4-[N-(2-methoxyethyl) sulphamoyl]anilino}pyrimidine.

Claim 2 (**currently amended**): The compound of formula (I) according to claim 1 wherein p is 0; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or an *in vivo* hydrolysable ester thereof.

Claim 3 (**currently amended**): The compound of formula (I) according to claim 1 wherein R² is C₁₋₄alkyl, C₂₋₄alkenyl, C₃₋₆cycloalkyl, C₃₋₆cycloalkylC₁₋₃alkyl or heterocyclylC₁₋₃alkyl; wherein R² may be optionally substituted on carbon by one or more methoxy, ethoxy or trifluoromethyl; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or an *in vivo* hydrolysable ester thereof.

Claim 4 (**currently amended**): The compound of formula (I) according to claim 1 wherein R³ is hydrogen; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or an *in vivo* hydrolysable ester thereof.

Claim 5 (**currently amended**): The compound of formula (I) according to claim 1 wherein R⁴ is C₁₋₄alkyl or C₁₋₄alkoxyC₁₋₄alkyl; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or an *in vivo* hydrolysable ester thereof.

Claim 6 (**currently amended**): The compound of formula (I) according to claim 1 wherein R⁵ is substituted methyl or optionally substituted C₂₋₆alkyl; wherein said substituents are selected from one or more methoxy; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or an *in vivo* hydrolysable ester thereof.

Claim 7 (**currently amended**): The compound of formula (I) as claimed in claim 1 wherein:

p is 0;

R² is 2-ethoxyethyl, 2-methoxyethyl, 2,2,2-trifluoroethyl, 3-methoxypropyl, *t*-butyl, allyl, cyclopropyl, cyclobutyl, cyclopropylmethyl or tetrahydrofur-2-ylmethyl;

R³ is hydrogen;

R⁴ is methyl, ethyl, isopropyl or 1-methoxyprop-2-yl; or

R⁵ is methoxymethyl, isopropyl, ethyl, butyl or 3,3-dimethylbutyl;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or an *in vivo* hydrolysable ester thereof;

provided that the compound is not 4-(1-methyl-2-ethylimidazol-5-yl)-2-{4-[N-(tetrahydrofur-2-ylmethyl)sulphamoyl]anilino}pyrimidine; 4-(1-methyl-2-ethyl-imidazol-5-yl)-2-{4-[N-(2-methoxyethyl)sulphamoyl]anilino}pyrimidine; 4-(1-methyl-2-isopropyl-imidazol-5-yl)-2-{4-[N-(2-methoxyethyl)sulphamoyl]anilino}pyrimidine; 4-(1-methyl-2-isopropyl-imidazol-5-yl)-2-{4-[N-(cyclopropylmethyl) sulphamoyl]anilino}pyrimidine; 4-(1-methyl-2-isopropyl-imidazol-5-yl)-2-{4-[N-(tetrahydrofur-2-ylmethyl)sulphamoyl]anilino}pyrimidine; 4-(1-methyl-2-ethylimidazol-5-yl)-2-{4-[N-(cyclopropylmethyl) sulphamoyl]anilino}pyrimidine; 4-(1-methyl-2-ethyl-imidazol-5-yl)-2-{4-[N-(cyclobutyl-sulphamoyl) anilino]pyrimidine; 4-(1-methyl-2-methoxymethylimidazol-5-yl)-2-{4-[N-(2-methoxyethyl) sulphamoyl]anilino}pyrimidine.

Claim 8 (**currently amended**): The compound of formula (I) as claimed in claim 1 selected from:

4-(1,2-diethylimidazol-5-yl)-2-{4-[N-(2-ethoxyethyl)sulphamoyl]anilino}pyrimidine;

4-(1,2-diethylimidazol-5-yl)-2-{4-[N-(cyclopropyl)sulphamoyl]anilino}pyrimidine; and

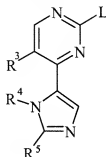
4-(1,2-diethylimidazol-5-yl)-2-{4-[N-(allyl)sulphamoyl]anilino}pyrimidine;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or an *in vivo* hydrolysable ester thereof;

Claim 9 (**currently amended**): A process for preparing a compound of formula (I) or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or an *in vivo* hydrolysable ester thereof as claimed in claim 1,

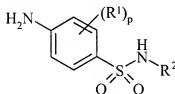
which process (wherein R^1 , R^2 , R^3 , R^4 , R^5 and p are, unless otherwise specified, as defined in claim 1) comprises of:

Process a) reaction of a pyrimidine of formula (II):



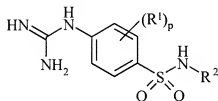
(II)

wherein L is a displaceable group; with an aniline of formula (III):



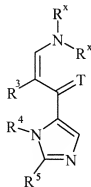
(III)

Process b) reacting a compound of formula (IV):



(IV)

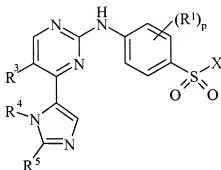
with a compound of formula (V):



(V)

wherein T is O or S; R^x may be the same or different and is C_{1-6} alkyl;

Process c) reacting a pyrimidine of formula (VI):



(VI)

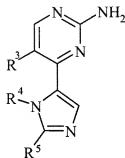
wherein X is a displaceable group; with an amine of formula (VII):



(VII)

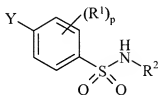
or

Process d) reacting a pyrimidine of formula (VIII)



(VIII)

with a compound of formula (IX):



(IX)

where Y is a displaceable group;

and thereafter, optionally:

- i) converting a compound of the formula (I) into another compound of the formula (I);
- ii) removing any protecting groups;
- iii) forming a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or ~~in vivo~~ hydrolysable ester.

Claim 10 (**currently amended**): A pharmaceutical composition which comprises a compound of the formula (I), or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or ~~in vivo~~ hydrolysable ester thereof, according to claim 1, in association with a pharmaceutically-acceptable diluent or carrier.

Claims 11-20 (**cancelled**).

Claim 21 (**new**): A method for ~~producing a cell cycle inhibitory (anti-cell proliferation) effect treating rheumatoid arthritis~~ in a warm-blooded animal in need thereof, which comprises administering to said animal an effective amount of a compound of formula (I) or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or ~~in vivo~~ hydrolysable ester thereof as claimed in claim 1.

Claimd 22-24 (**cancelled**).